Protection of Tipu's fort in Karnataka

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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state : (a) whether Tipu's fort in Karnataka is facing damage and virtual collapse of its parts and whether the Archaeological Survey of India has been warned of this;

(b) whether this heritage site has developed major cracks; if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether this is the result of increased pressure from encroachers; and

(d) if so, the steps proposed to maintain and protect its heritage character?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN) : (a) to (d) There are six Tipu's forts under central protection in Karnataka located at Bangalore, Devanahalli, (both in District Bangalore), Manazarabad (Hassan), Jamalabad (South Kanara), Bellary (Bellary) and Madhugiri (Tumkur). Only the first three forts have developed cracks in their walls and the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) has made allocation for 2003-2004 for conservation of the affected portions. The main problem lies in the Fort, Gateways and Dungeon at Bangalore as the monument is encroached by shops restricting proper care and conservation resulting in the collapse of a portion of the fortification wall. The restoration of the collapsed portion has since been taken up and nearing completion and twelve of the shops have also been removed with the help of the State Police, while, regarding the remaining twelve shops the Bangalore Municipal Corporation which is constantly approached by the ASI has to act for relocation.

Cultural and musical programmes in monuments

4151. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM : Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have formulated any policy/users manual not to use monuments as auditoriums;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details of the cultural and musical programmes conducted in monuments like Taj and other important monuments over the years?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN) : (a) to (c) Permission is granted by the Central Government in accordance with the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Rules, 1959 for

usage as considered relevant to the monument. Care is taken to ensure that the sanctity and the environment of the monument are not in any way undermined.

(d) Details are given in the enclosed Statement.

Statement

List of centrally protected monuments where cultural/music festival have been held over the years

Sl. No.	Name of Festival	Name of the Monument	Place/State
1.	World Tourism day	Golconda Fort,	Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh
2.	Amir Khusru Festival	Humayun's Tomb	New Delhi
3.	Phool-wallon ki Sair	Jahaz Mahal	New Delhi
4.	Roshanara Festival	Roshnara Garden	Delhi
5.	Qutab Festival	Qutab Minar	New Delhi
6.	Annual Classical Music Concert for Police Deptt.	Purana Qila	New Delh
7.	Uttardh Utsav	Sun Temple	Modhera, Gujarat
8.	Trigart Utsav	Kangra Fort	Himachal Pradesh
9.	Deepothsav	Sri Hari Hareshwara Temple	Harihar, Karnataka
10.	Pattadakkal Mahotsav	Group of Temples	Pattadakal, Karnataka
11.	Hoysala Festival	Hoysaleshwara Temple	Halebid, Karnataka
12.	Navraspur Festival	Group of Monuments	Bijapur, Karnataka
13.	Ellora Festival	Rock Cut Caves	Ellora, Maharashtra
14.	Elephanta Festival	Rock Cut Caves	Elephanta, Maharashtra
15.	Tansen Samaroh	Tansen Tomb	Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh
16.	Khajuraho Festival	Group of Monuments	Khajuraho, Madhya Pradesh
17.	Raja Rani Festival	Mukteshwar Temple	Bhubaneshwar, Orissa.
18.	Guru Gobind Birthday	Bhatinda Fort	Bhatinda, Punjab
19.	Baba Hazi Rathan Yadgari Sabhyacharu Mela	Bhatinda Fort	Bhatinda, Punjab
20.	Brijmela	Deeg Palace	Deeg, Rajasthan
21.	Sathay Vizha	Sri Brihadiswara Temple	Thanjavur, Tamil Nadu
22.	Bishnupur Festival	Group of Temples	Bishnupur, West Bengal